Good Morning and Welcome to Ecology Merit Badge Day!

**Please read this email in entirety. It contains important information regarding your Scout’s visit to Camp Thunder. You may also want to save this email for future reference.**

I want to personally thank you for trusting us with your Scout this coming weekend. We have a great program planned and I know your Scout will have a fantastic time while learning several new skills.

**Stay up to Date/ Pictures of the Event**

Please follow us on Facebook to see pictures of your Scout next week, and for important updates, volunteer opportunities and upcoming events. The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/LawhornScoutingBase/>.

**Forms**

I have attached the following to this email:

1. BSA Health Form – **Each Scout is required to have parts A & B completely filled out prior to arrival.**
2. Program Map
3. Camp Policies
4. EAP- Emergency Action Plan
5. Program Schedule
6. Directions

**Check-In & Check-Out**

Please have the highlighted items ready at check-in. Check-in will begin at 8:30 AM at Howard Lodge on Saturday. All Campers who camp on Friday Night must still check-in on Saturday morning. Any Scout with a temperature of 100.4 or higher or who shows symptoms of illness will not be allowed to participate. A full refund will be given to you if your Scout cannot participate due to illness. If you need to make a payment at camp, you may do so. We can accept Cash, Checks or Card Payments. Check-out will begin at 5:15 PM. Scouts must be picked up by 6:00 PM if your scout is not camping. All Scouts who are camping must have an adult chaperone with them to camp. Adults may camp for two nights. ($5) (Please see below for more camping information.)

**Class Materials**

Your scout will be given a printout to complete during each class. A clipboard and writing utensil may also be useful to your scout.

**Uniform**

Scouts may wear their “Class B” uniform to this event. Clothing may be damaged during these activities. Please do not wear clothing that your scout cannot potentially stain or ruin. We are expecting rain. All classes will take place under a pavilion, but scouts will be outdoors. Please remember your rain gear!

**Your Scout may need to bring the following items:**

1. Paper & Writing Utensils
2. Clipboard (Optional)
3. Lunch
4. Water Bottle
5. Money for the trading post (optional)
6. Insect Repellent
7. Medications (if needed – we will have a medic on-site)
8. Sunscreen
9. Closed Toed Shoes
10. Rain Gear – This is a rain or shine event.
11. Camping Items (Optional – only if camping)

**Trading Post & Lunch**

Your Scout must bring a lunch. Meals are **not** provided for this event.

The Trading Post will be open during the afternoon. Your Scout will have the opportunity to purchase souvenirs and small snacks and drinks. It will also be open during check-out at the end of the day.

**Proof of Merit Badge Completion**

You will receive a letter to give to your advancement chair in your unit at the end of the day. It will contain your Scout’s accomplishments for the day. It will serve as your Scout’s “Blue Card”.  Please let me know if you have any questions. I am here to help in any way possible.

**Camping**

Two nights of camping are included in the cost of the event. You may camp on Friday or Saturday night, or both nights.

Friday Night Campers: Please call Jane Cleveland upon arrival at (706) 975-5648. She will welcome you and assist with anything you may need until check-in on Saturday.

Saturday Night Campers: You will check-in at Howard Lodge on Saturday. Sunday check-out time is at 12 PM.

**Campsites for this event are Utica, Tuscarora and Iroquois.** These campsites have platform tents. You may bring your own tent if you wish. You will set up camp in these campsites.

**Lost & Found**

Please label your Scout’s belongings. We will keep left behind items for one week only. All left behind items will be donated after 1 week. Please let us know if you think your Scout left something behind. We will do our best to locate it. Left behind items may be picked up at the Council Office in Griffin. (1361 Zebulon Road Griffin, GA 30224 – Please call [770-227-4556] to see if your item is there before you arrive.)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I am looking forward to seeing you this weekend!

Yours in Scouting,

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